I. <u>Duties and Responsibilities:</u>

Incumbent serves as an Animal Health Technician responsible for the performance of a variety of inspection duties designed to provide a working knowledge of all animal disease control or eradication programs being carried on within an assigned Section. Incumbent receives instructions and on-the-job training in the provisions of applicable laws, regulations, policies, and inspection methods associated with animal disease control and eradication programs.

Typical duties are illustrated as follows: Conducts work relating to programs such as: screwworm eradication, animal welfare (including horse protection), brucellosis eradication, tuberculosis eradication, scabies eradication, and poultry disease control and eradication involving: (1) visiting farms, garbage feeders, quarantine stations, and others for the purpose of testing and inspecting livestock for evidence of the above mentioned diseases; (2) collection and submission of larvae and/or egg specimens having the possibility of being screwworms for laboratory examination; (3) supervising and performing the dipping and spraying of livestock in connection with the screwworm eradication program and, for tick and scabies eradication programs the incumbent may, as occasion requires, apply sprays and disinfectants and collect ticks and/or mites for laboratory examination; (4) Inspecting facilities and methods used to insure that they conform to the regulations; (5) observing the application of and advising on proper sanitary procedures; (6) issuing permits for the movement of livestock; (7) supervising and performing the disinfection of premises and vehicles used in transportation of diseased livestock and poultry; (8) appraising animals for indemnity purposes; (9) enforcing State and Federal laws and regulations; (10) submitting reports of activities to superiors; (11) meeting with and advising officials, farmers, and others with respect to the prohibitions and restrictions imposed by governing statutes and regulations; and (12) tracing origin of infected and exposed livestock and poultry.

Serves as a member of a READEO emergency disease task force as assigned. Performs other related duties as assigned.

II. Supervision Received

The incumbent works under the supervision of a Veterinarian or a higher grade Animal Health Technician, who makes assignments, provides instruction and training as required, and specifies procedures to be followed. Completed work is reviewed for adherence to policies and compliance with procedures, instructions, and precedents. New assignments are performed under close supervision until the incumbent demonstrates competence. Guidelines consist of Federal and State regulations, laws, and orders, instructions, and directions issued by the Service, Station, and State.

(This standard job description cites the primary and typical but not all-inclusive duties of the position.)